

Planning, Zoning & Housing Committee of the Darien RTM - Special Meeting
Draft meeting minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Place: Darien Town Hall, Employee Lounge
Present: Adelman, Bacon, Bayne, Bishko, Cleary, Conologue, Fead, Hennesy, Olvany, Jones,
van der Kieft (Chair), Young
Absent: Magida, Marston, Sini
Attending: Callie Sullivan (Board of Selectmen liaison), Mary Ness (District I)

1. The Special Meeting of the Planning, Zoning & Housing Committee was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. The meeting agenda, as proposed and revised by the Chair, was accepted.
3. The Committee reviewed and approved the draft minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2009, subject to the addition of Joanne Hennessy to the list of individuals who volunteered to be members of the Affordable Housing Sub-committee.
4. The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed "Developmental Timetable" prepared by the Chair. The Timetable outlines upcoming events and deadlines, and interactions with other Town bodies including the Board of Selectmen, the Planning & Zoning Committee, Town Counsel, CHALAC and the full RTM.
5. The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft Affordable Housing Plan prepared by the Board of Selectmen and dated Jan. 29, 2009.
 - Initial overview comments included praise for the comprehensiveness of the document. Concerns were raised regarding:
 - need for priorities among the strategies outlined
 - absence of data on relevant costs and other financial considerations
 - need for further details on the impact of differing ownership structures
 - impact of the current credit environment on the availability of financing
 - Subsequent page-by-page review focused primarily on pages numbered 2-8 and 38-41. Discussion was spirited and wide-ranging.
6. The Committee agreed to reconvene in another Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to further review and discuss the Board of Selectmen's draft Affordable Housing Plan. Committee members were encouraged to come to the meeting with their bulleted lists of issues, or other thoughts prepared in advance, in order to facilitate the compilation of comments for the Committee's response to the Board of Selectmen. This response is due to the Board of Selectmen on Wed., March 11, 2009.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Adelman, District VI